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SUBJ: TANZANIA- BURUNDI SITUATION

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1. TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED MARCH 22 TO ALLEGED STATEMENT BY BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER SIMBANANIYE THAT BOMBED VILLAGES ARE INSIDE BURUNDI " ABOUT 500 METERS FROM TANZANIAN FRONTIER". GOT SPOKESMAN SAID ON- THE- SPOT CHECK BY KIGOMA REGIONAL AUTHORITIES ASCERTAINED " BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT" THAT VILLAGES IN QUESTION ARE INSIDE TANZANIA. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT GOT HAS PUT PLANE AT DISPOSAL OF BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA SO THAT HE CAN VISIT BOMBED VILLAGES AND SEE FOR HIMSELF.

2. ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS BURUNDI HAS ACCUSED TANZANIA OF HARBORING BARUNDI GUERRILLAS. MOST RECENT OCCASION WAS VISIT TO TANZANIA EARLY MARCH BY SIMBANANIYE (DAR ES SALAAM
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809). FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 22 THAT GOT HAD RECENTLY FLOWN SIMBANANIYE TO BORDER AREA IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT ALLEGATIONS HAVE NO BASIS. GOT IS, THEREFORE, PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY THAT CHARGES PERSIST.

3. IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT NUMEROUS BARUNDI REFUGEES -- UPWARDS OF 10,000 -- ARE RESIDING INSIDE TANZANIA ALONG TANZANIA- BURUNDI BORDER. KNOWLEDGEABLE REFUGEE OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT SOME OF THESE REFUGEES ARE CROSSING INTO BURUNDI " TO SETTLE OLD SCORES". THIS MAY BE KIND OF ACTIVITY WHICH IS CAUSING SO MUCH CONCERN WITHIN GOB.

4. TANZANIAN REACTION TO BOMBING OF VILLAGES REMAINS AMBIVALENT. EDITORIAL IN MARCH 23 TANU- OWNED, SWAHILI- DAILY UHURU POINTED OUT THAT BURUNDI AND TANZANIA HAVE TRADITIONALLY ENJOYED FRIENDLY AND NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, HOWEVER, THAT " BARUNDI REFUGEES, LIKE OTHER AFRICAN REFUGEES IN TANZANIA, HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROTECTION IN NAME OF HUMANITY. PROTECTION OF THESE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SERVE AS PRETEXT BY BURUNDI TO ATTACK US. BURUNDI IS VERY CLOSE TO US, COUNTRY WHICH WE THOUGHT WAS FRIENDLY, COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAD CO- OPERATED IN EARLIER DAYS. TANZANIA WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED BY BURUNDI' S MILITARY GOVERNMENT THAT ITS FRIENDSHIP IS VALUED".

5. MARCH 23 UHURU ALSO RAN STORY CONCERNING RADIO UGANDA ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH REPORTEDLY SAID UGANDA PROMISED TO ASSIST BURUNDI BY PROVIDING MILITARY AID SHOULD BURUNDI BE ATTACKED BY TANZANIA. IN REPLY TO THIS REPORT, GOT SPOKESMAN SAID PUBLICLY THAT " WITHOUT DOUBT UGANDA' S MILITARY REGIME IS LOOKING FOR PRETEXT TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN TANZANIA AND BURUNDI".

6. LOCAL NEWSMAN WHO HAS BEEN DISCUSSING INCIDENT WITH VARIOUS TANZANIAN SOURCES REPORTS THAT SOME TANZANIANS ARE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS COLLUSION BETWEEN UGANDA AND BURUNDI AGAINST TANZANIA. NEWSMAN ADDED THAT GOT IS ESPECIALLY ANGERED BY BURUNDI CHARGES THAT TANZANIA IS ASSISTING IN TRAINING OF BARUNDI GUERRILLAS.

7. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THERE IS ANY COORDINATED EFFORT BY BURUNDI AND UGANDA AIMED AT TANZANIA, BUT BELIEVE IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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SIGNIFICANT THAT SOME TANZANIANS PERCEIVE THIS TO BE CASE. WE ALSO BELIEVE GOT WISHES TO CLOSE FILE ON THIS INCIDENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT MAY BE RESTRAINED FROM DOING SO

BEFORE OBTAINING ADMISSION FROM GOB THAT IT BOMBED VILLAGES
INSIDE TANZANIA.
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